Desingularization of Ore Operators

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Experiments suggest that this works indeed. We don't have a proof yet, but we are working on it.